GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian scientist has developed technology to detect cancer in the early stages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken for prevention of cancer during the last three years; and

(d) the allocation of funds for early detection of cancer cases and free medicines for poor cancer patients in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): An Indian scientist based in California claims that he has developed a technology named "Method for early detection of cancer" to detect cancer in early stages and has been patented.

(c): Health being a State Subject, it is for various State Governments to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available. The Central Government have evolved a National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) wherein special emphasis is now being laid on prevention and early detection of Cancer. The Central Govt. is also supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for setting up of Radiotherapy Units in Govt. Medical Colleges/Hospitals for providing treatment facilities.

(d): Under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) financial assistance is provided to the Regional Cancer Centres/Govt. Medical College/Hospitals for Development of Oncology Wing and for implementation of District Cancer Control Programme. The grant-in-aid is provided only on the recommendation of the concerned State Govt. A one time grant upto Rs. 3.00 crore is provided to Govt. Medical Colleges/Hospitals for Development of Oncology Wing and Rs. 90.00 lakhs spread over a period of 5 years is provided for implementation of District Cancer Control Programme.